

ARMY INCREASE OF 20,000 MEN IS AUTHORIZED

Senate Concur in Proposal to Recruit to War Strength

NO DISSENTING VOICE

Record Rollcall Discloses Unanimity in Adopting Joint Resolution

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Nearly 20,000 additional regular troops for service in the Mexican campaign were placed at the disposal of President Wilson today, the Senate passed the joint resolution...

In order to make a record a rollcall was demanded and not a single vote was cast against the resolution...

Senator Groma, of North Dakota, at first objected to consideration of the resolution, declaring that he wanted to know more about it...

Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, offered an amendment providing a two-year term of enlistment for recruits.

At the request of Senator du Pont of Delaware, Senator Smith said he would not press his amendment because he did not wish to embarrass the immediate adoption of the resolution...

Senator Sherman, of Illinois, introduced the resolution introduced yesterday in the House by Representative Britten directing the withdrawing of the 12,000 troops now in the Philippines for service in the Mexican campaign.

"For the purpose of demonstrating that there is no opinion on this side of the chamber when the interests of the country are at stake, I ask for the yeas and nays," said Senator Gallinger, minority leader.

When the Villistas began their retreat, Spencer escaped along with Mrs. Maud Wright, of Pearson. Spencer, fearing he would be mistaken for a Villa follower, fled to Hachita, then to Alamo Hueco and thence to the border.

It was while he was a prisoner that Spencer witnessed the execution of Arthur McKinney, William Corbett and Williams, at Palomas ranch.

"They had been making one of their quick Villa rides," explained Spencer. "The bandits knew that there was a regiment of Carranza troops at Palomas, so they made a wide detour of the place."

"It was the fiercest talk I ever heard. Villa yelled at his men that the gringos were responsible for conditions in Mexico. His talk was filled with curses and blasphemy. Villa got so excited that the flesh stood upon his lips."

"I hope I never see such a sight again. When the bandits rode into Columbus I was kept behind with 30 Villistas who were caring for a band of reserve horses. I heard the first shot and then there came a burst of sounds in which rifle firing, whistling and shouting were all mixed up. The massacre began as soon as the Mexicans got into the town. I told one of the guards we ought to move."

"Go ahead, you're free," he replied. "I ran into the darkness in the direction of Hachita and finally reached the place."

"Williams and McKinney were caught by the Villistas because they thought the Villistas were Carranza soldiers. They came up looking at the brands on the horses to see if any of their horses were in the outfit. Villa ordered that the men beside prisoners and this was quickly done."

"First the prisoners were stripped naked and the garments were distributed among

the men, who immediately put them on. McKinney was killed first. He was hanged to save ammunition. The men put a rope around his neck and, without tying his hands, pulled him into the air with the rope over the branch of a tree. McKinney clutched at the rope with his hands and they laughed at his struggles. When they had pulled the body up a few feet they slackened the rope and then caught it with a jerk. He threw out his arms and legs and died struggling in the air. Corbett was choked to death before his body was pulled from the ground."

Spencer told of seeing Mrs. Wright in the hands of the outlaws. He said they treated her well because she was brave and could not be scared. Most of the time, Spencer said, she laughed at the threats of the bandits.

MORMON BAND STILL SAFE, BUT 'VILLA HOVERS NEAR'

EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—Bishop R. S. Hurst, of the local Mormon church, announced that according to his information Villa was in the vicinity of the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes, with whom Bishop Hurst had communicated this morning.

He said the 500 colonists were safe there, but that Villa "was hovering in the vicinity."

The bishop had hopes the Carranzistas soldiers with the colonists would escort them safely to Pearson, Chihuahua, where a train on the Mexican North-western line was waiting to bring them to the border. Damage to the line between Corralitos and Sabinel, where Villa was reported to have torn up much of the right of way, has been repaired. Two freight trains stalled by the break were moving toward Juarez, clearing the way for the expected Mormon train.

Unconfirmed reports insist that anti-American sentiment among the rank and file of the Carranza army in Chihuahua State was growing.

VILLA NOT HUMAN, A TIGER, SAYS AMERICAN WOMAN

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—Fifty American refugees from Chihuahua City, toward which Francisco Villa and his outlaws were reported to be moving, arrived here today. The train bearing the refugees reached Juarez late last night, and after a halt of several hours, crossed the Rio Grande to this city under the escort of American Consul Edwards.

The refugees reported a surprising condition of quiet in Chihuahua City. They departed at the suggestion of Marion Lecher, United States Consul. Carranza troops of all descriptions are being rushed toward the border from the South, it was said.

Among the refugees are Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cramer, parent of Bart Cramer, who was recently killed by Villa's bandits. With the Cramers came another son, Robert.

Cramer is a sturdy rancher of the pioneer type, stalwart and ruddy. Mrs. Cramer, who has been at the side of her husband throughout the troubles in Mexico, was serene and without fear. She had donned her best black silk dress for the flight to the border.

"We have had our share of suffering in Mexico," exclaimed Mrs. Cramer. "But we felt that we ought to stay, as our property interests were there and we were always hoping that tranquil times would be restored. Villa is not human. He is a terror. When he grins he has the face of a tiger. They tell a story about him sitting on a horse and shooting a man for nothing at all. Villa was eating an apple at the time. Between bites he saw a man who seemed to offer a good target and, drawing a magazine pistol, he shot him dead. Then he went on eating his apple as though nothing had happened."

"He killed Ornelas, who used to be one of his generals at Laguna. Ornelas and Villa were on a train together."

"My friend, I see you have a silk shirt on; it is a long time since I had a silk shirt," exclaimed Villa. Then he shot Ornelas dead.

"He has had Bart, Rob and my other son Roy penned up in a corral as well as myself. We were saved once because some of his officers in Madera were sons of my boys. When he raided us again they couldn't save Bart. Villa took all our property and confiscated our lands."

Among the other refugees were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Burn and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Fritts, missionaries; Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ott and children, Mrs. William Siverts, Mrs. Mary Blachley, a missionary; Miss Mary Long, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and child, Mrs. A. C. Nash, Miss Alma Myer, Mrs. J. E. Hale, Philip A. McLaughlin, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. L. V. Taylor and daughter, A. H. Davison, Robert E. Lear, J. W. Thompson, F. Lee Cleavenger, John M. Murray, of the Y. M. C. A.; James Murray, J. B. Anderson, Harry C. A. King, Fred Potast, Mix Bueter, R. H. Holly, Dr. P. C. Sawyer and son, Fred H. Williams, C. H. Hammond, Harry E. Williams, T. J. Hill, Dr. L. E. Knopa, C. Merchanson and H. C. Newberry.

Villa, the Elusive, May Slip Through Iron Ring

Carranza chiefs declare their warriors can catch Francisco Villa in 10 days. There are six Mexican generals in the field against him—Rafael Maldonado, Jose Cavasso, Benjamin Garza, Luis Herrera, Pablo Bertani and Luis Guitierrez.

They cover an immense territory and there are great gaps between the commands. Through these gaps Villa might not have great difficulty in taking his men. The man who can squeeze his command through a narrow Mexican street and shoot his way to liberty ought to have little trouble getting through the "iron ring" that leaves hundreds of miles unguarded.

Villa is taking his cavalry over ground at a rate that shows his remarkable driving force. From the reports of his actions, it is apparent he is averaging 40 miles a day with his outlaws, nearly a hundred of them mounted on United States Army horses, driven off in the Columbus raid. Villa has been known to make 90 miles a day.

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the general rejoicing in civil and military circles over the peaceful diplomatic settlement with the United States on the matters relating to the pursuit of Francisco Villa.

Troops and civilians paraded through the streets, carrying the national colors. Big guns boomed and all the church bells were tolled. The tension of the last few days disappeared when news became generally known that there would be no "invasion" of Mexico by United States military forces.

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Carranzistas Quit Las Palomas EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—The Carranzistas have evacuated Palomas, Mex., south of Columbus. Carranza Consul Garcia announced today. General Bertani was said to be leading his 1500 Carranzistas to Guzman, Mex.

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SHIPPING NEWS

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today Str. Ponca, from Johns, P. R.

Steamships to Arrive

Table with columns: Name, From, Sailed, Date. Lists various steamships like Storoway, Flores, St. Vincent, etc.

PORT OF NEW YORK

Steamships Due Today

Table with columns: Name, From, Sailed, Date. Lists steamships like Touraine, Scythia, Baltic.

Steamships to Leave

Table with columns: Name, For, Date. Lists steamships like Stockholm, Helleir Olav, Chicago.

Movements of Vessels

Motorship Glenpool, Tuxpam for Philadelphia, 250 miles west of Sand Key at noon March 14.

Str. Toledo, towing schr. Delaware Sun, Philadelphia for Port Arthur, 50 miles east of Sabine bar at 6 p. m. March 14.

Str. Healdton, Philadelphia for Rotterdam, passed Overfalls Lightship at 6:45 p. m. March 14.

Str. Sarnia, Philadelphia for Spain, 1513 miles east of Overfalls lightship at 8 p. m. March 14.

Str. J. A. Hooper, Philadelphia for Havana, six miles south of Fowey at noon March 14.

Str. Grecian, Philadelphia for Boston, passed Fire Island at noon March 14.

Str. Taber (No. 1), for Philadelphia, steamed from Daquiri March 12.

CARRANZA EDITOR ARRESTED FOR ANTI-AMERICAN PLEA

EL PASO, March 15.—Mexican newspapers printed in El Paso became so belligerent in their tone that three have been suppressed by the police.

The El Paso Del Norte, a Carranza publication, was closed up when it ran off an extra edition featuring the threat that the Mexican eagle would eat the stars out of the American flag. Fernando Banolchi, its editor, was arrested on a charge of attempting to incite riot.

To prevent Mexicans from dynamiting the El Paso and Northwestern Railroad between Columbus and El Paso every foot of the line and its tunnels and bridges were under heavy military guard today.

Several small detachments of infantry broke camp at Columbus last night and left town, correspondents were permitted to report, but it is known the infantry did not cross the border.

MEXICANS HAVE HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE U. S. TERMS

QUERETARO, Mex., March 14 (via Laredo, Tex., March 15).—A half holiday was ordered in the temporary capital of the Carranza Government today to mark

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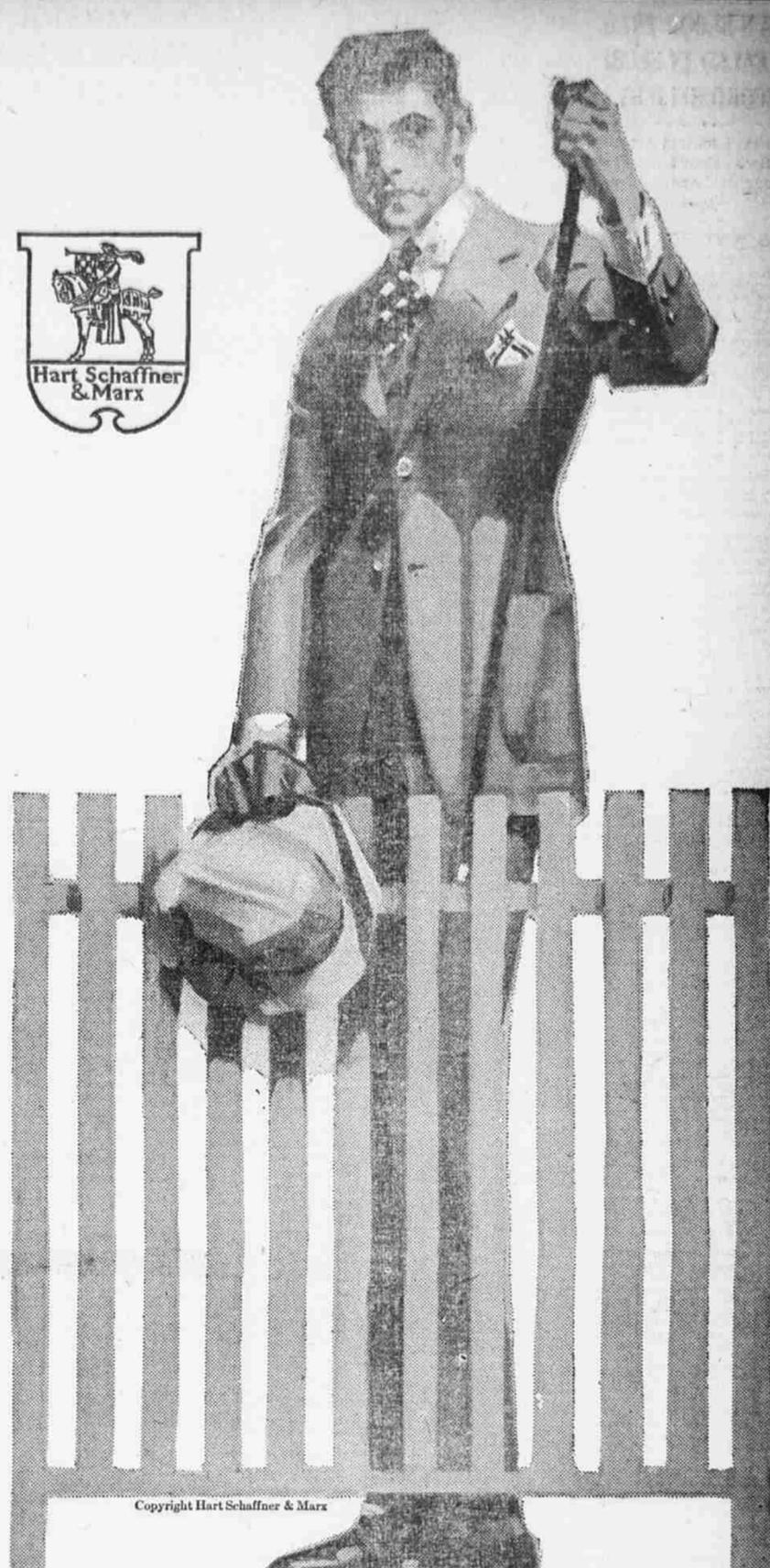
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